

**PATENT APPLICATION
Q78044**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yasunobu SAKAGUCHI

Appln. No.: 10/693,934

Group Art Unit: 2625

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Examiner: Negussie WORKU

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For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND IMAGE READING METHOD

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
AND
REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 9, 2006.

REMARKS

HISTORY

The present rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura '578 in view of Satou '254 are substantially identical to those appearing in the Office Action of February 25, 2003 in the parent application No. 09/343,508. In response to the Amendment filed May 23, 2003 in the parent application, the Examiner **withdrew** these rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), indicated